

DALAS Update on Protests

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Hello Sébastien,

Here are the latest updates from DALAS:

Current Posture

On February 17, DALAS received two calls regarding the Emergency Measures Act. Callers were polite and indicated their displeasure with Prime Minister's decision. One caller indicated he would be boycotting any further investment in Canada and that he would be sending an email to a list of 5,000 members advising of this position. (No expansion on what organization these individuals hold membership). The other caller was seeking assurance that ongoing business between Canada and the US would continue. Caller also took the opportunity to express his concerns of the suppression of rights under EMA.

GAC/WSHDC security and local authorities are still investigating the threatening calls received between February 16-17. Staff have been advised to continue to work from home/avoid unnecessary travel to the Chancery on February 18th. All staff are accounted for and safe. DALAS will continue to report back with additional updates as things develop.

Post also received the following message via Facebook. Following discussions with LDS, the message does not meet the requirements to "block" the user. DALAS has not responded back nor engaged with the user as instructed by HQ.



Lezlie Crane

Dear Consulate General,

I am citizen of the United States and I am watching the news from Canada very closely.

I want to express my dismay at the obvious human rights violations being carried out against lawful and peaceful protestors by federal, provincial and municipal officials in Ottawa and elsewhere.

Your government is in clear violation of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically Articles 1, 9, 18, 19, and 20.

As an American citizen, I intend to lobby my federal representatives to sanction the government of Canada and specific individuals including, but not limited to, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who has made public remarks against citizens of your country that are derogatory, discriminatory, and designed to inflame discrimination if not outright violence.

I am gravely disappointed by the conduct of the Canadian government.

Lezlie Crane
Longview, Texas

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Media Scan

Texas

Texas Rep. Chip Roy has continued to weigh in on the convoy by reposting critical tweets about Prime Minister Trudeau's handling of the situation. Roy reposted the following content on his account in recent days.







Chip Roy  @chiproytx · 1d

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[#DeportTrudeau](#)



Justin Trudeau  @JustinTru... · 1d

🚩 Officiel du gouvernement...

We'll always defend the rights of Canadians to peaceful assembly and to freedom of expression. We'll also do whatever is necessary to reinforce the principles, values, and institutions tha...

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Arkansas

Governor Asa Hutchinson (R), along with 15 other U.S. governors and the premiers of Alberta and Saskatchewan, signed a letter to PM Trudeau and President Biden requesting that the vaccine and quarantine exemptions be reinstated for cross border truckers. The text of the letter can be read [here](#).

U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (R) commented on the trucker convoy on his personal (verified) Twitter account. On the morning of the 17th, he said the following: "The media is harassing Americans who gave \$20 to the Canadian truck convoy. They should be asking BLM donors if they support paying bail for the Louisville BLM leader charged with attempted assassination of a Jewish politician."

Louisiana

U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise (R) had a related post on his official Twitter, made the morning of the 17th. He said the following: "Let me get this straight: It's ok for the media to report on hacked info on small dollar donors to a trucker protest. But not ok to report on supposedly hacked info on Hunter's laptop. They always come up with a double standard to target conservatives and protect Dems."

Thank you,
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